Use of charcoal gas.

27. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether charcoal gas is largely used as fuel for the vehicles of the Transport Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Five buses are now being operated on charcoal gas. Conversion of the rest of the buses for operation on charcoal gas is proceeding at approximately six per month.

Effects of recent cyclone.

28. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have assessed or made arrangements to assess the damages caused to the taluks of Parur, Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Devicolam by the catastrophic cyclone which occurred on the night of 13th Edavom 1116 ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have adopted any and what measures for the relief of the distress occasioned by the cyclone ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Arrangements have been made.

(*b*) Yes. Committees have been constituted in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad and requisite funds are being placed at their disposal.

29. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the people of the Parur and Kunnatnad taluks sustained loss due to the recent cyclone ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps they have taken to compensate their loss ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Committees have been constituted in the two taluks and the required funds placed at their disposal.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDAN : കമ്മറിക്കാരെ ഏൽപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പണം എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ മന്ത്രിക്കുമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ഒരു ലക്ഷം രൂപ.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : ഈ തുകകൊണ്ട് ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വിഷമതകളെല്ലാം പരിഹരിക്കാമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : എന്നില്ല. പോരെങ്കിൽ പണം വീണ്ടും കൊടുക്കും.

Damages caused by the recent cyclone.

30. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have enquired into the amount of damages caused by the recent cyclone to trees, cultivations and buildings in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad ;

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[Mr Joseph Vithayathil.]

(*b*) the result of such enquiry, if any; and

(*c*) the steps taken by them to relieve the distress of the people?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 16 deaths were reported besides loss to plantations.

(*c*) Committees have been constituted in both the taluks and requisite funds are being placed at their disposal.

Malayalam Text Books.

31. ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Malayalam text books prescribed for the English school classes during the years 1115 and 1116;

(*b*) the respective authors of each of those books?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the Gazette (Education Sheet) dated 9th May 1939, for the Malayalam text books prescribed for the year 1939-40 and that, dated 23rd April 1940 for the Malayalam Text Books prescribed for the year 1940-41.

Divisional Treasuries.

32. ✻**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before them to increase the number of Divisional Treasuries; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such Treasuries to be established?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER (*Deputy Accountant-General in charge of the Financial Secretary's duties*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Working of the Treasuries.

33. ✻**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have recently separated Treasuries from the control of the Revenue Department;

(*b*) the purposes of such separation; and

(*c*) additional expenditure, if any, to be borne by Government resulting out of such change of control?

MR. R. RAMA VARIER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To enable the Finance and the Audit Departments to have a closer control over the Treasury accounts and to develop the audit on new lines.

(*c*) Nil.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have taken steps for reducing the number of individual audits?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will please repeat the question.

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